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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER: SPACE TECHNOLOGY TO
AID LIBERIA

REF: A) MONROVIA 5993; B) STATE 21265

1. AUGUST 23 MEETING, INCLUDING STATE AF/W, STATE OES,
AID/AFR, AID/DS, AND NASA, CONSIDERED BEST MEANS TO
FOLLOW UP ON PARAGRAPH IN PRESIDENT'S JUNE 20 LETTER TO
PRESIDENT TOLBERT REFERRING TO POSSIBILITY OF USING
SPACE TECHNOLOGY TO AID LIBERIA IN FIELDS OF RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AND METEOROLOGY.

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2. AS RESULT OF SURVEYS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY USGS AND
DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY, A VERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF
DATA, MAINLY USEFUL FOR GEOLOGY AND CARTOGRAPHY, ALREADY
EXISTS FOR LIBERIA. LANDSAT IMAGERY CAN SUPPLEMENT THIS
EXISTING DATA AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
(ESPECIALLY IN SUCH AREAS AS AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND
HYDROLOGY) WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE USEFUL TO LIBERIA.

KEY QUESTIONS ARE (A) WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION DERIVED FROM LANDSAT IMAGERY WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE GOL, AND (B) HOW WOULD SUCH INFORMATION BE APPLIED TO PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS.

3. SIMILAR QUESTIONS EXIST FOR USE OF WEATHER SATELLITE DATA.

4. IN ORDER TO SET OUT SATELLITE APPLICATIONS FOR THE GOL AND ASCERTAIN ITS DESIRES REGARDING POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS, BELIEVE VISIT BY CHARLES WHITTINGTON, AID/DS/ST, IN OCTOBER WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS APPROACH AND TIMING SATISFACTORY.

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